

ST MARTIN OF TOURS – PARISH OF MACLEOD

5th Sunday of Easter

'A faith community where Christian Service thrives and shared ministry is developed'

St Martin's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all Children, young people and adults at risk.



Exploring The Word - Today's gospel draws our attention to the time when Jesus will depart from the disciples (the Ascension is two weeks away). When Jesus is gone, the disciples must continue the task that he has begun. One can imagine their fear and uncertainty in being left with such a monumental challenge. Philip's question, 'Lord, how can we know the way?', shows their fear clearly enough. But help is available. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is both the map and the destination. Disciples are called to adopt Jesus' lifestyle, his approach to God, to others, to all creation. In living as Jesus did, living the life of faith, the disciples will know the truth and will have life. This life of faith and living the way of Jesus, God's way in the world, will enable the disciples not only to continue the work of Jesus but to perform even greater works.

- In what ways does your commitment to living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?



Weekly Cuppa returns this weekend after Sunday 10am Mass. All welcome.

🌿 Volunteer Weekend 🌿

Volunteering is a gift of service, freely given for others and our community. Throughout May, **we invite you to reflect on this theme (see page 3).**

Join us for a **special morning tea on Sunday 31 May** after the **10:00am Mass** as we give thanks for all who serve.

All are welcome!

🏰 ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 🏰

We warmly invite children to take part in our **Altar Server Training Program** here at **St Martin of Tours. (Old and New)**. Further training sessions will be required to complete the program. 🎓 A certificate will be issued upon successful completion.

👧👦 Who can join?

Children from **Year 3 and above** are welcome to participate.

📅 **First Session:** Friday 8 May

🕒 **Time:** 5:00pm

📍 **Location:** Church

(Snack and drink provided)

📧 Please **register by 3 May:**

Please email the Parish Office at macleod@cam.org.au



Anointing Mass- Sat 9 May 2026 at 11:00 am

You are warmly invited to our **Anointing Mass** for those seeking God's healing and strength, especially the sick and elderly. Parishioners, families, and carers are welcome to attend.



• **"NO" 8:30am Mass.**

• **Reconciliation: 10:00am**

• **Light lunch** to follow

(Welcome to bring a plate to share.)

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Robert Broadbent

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Our Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation who are Traditional Custodians of the land on which the parish resides, and we pay our respects to elders past and present.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY FOR LAST WEEK:

Stewardship \$ 731 Presbytery \$ 349

Loose \$ 640

Scan For Online Donation**CREDIT CARDS & DIRECT DEBIT FOR MONTH OF APRIL**

Stewardship \$ 15805 Presbytery \$ 1170

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Poor Box collection for month of April - \$120.00. Thank you all.

**RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Christopher Bernard Dizon (Canada), Father Peter Francis Gregory Foley PE

ANNIVERSARIES - THOSE WE REMEMBER FONDLY AT THIS TIME

Josefino Mendoza, Natalina Cuce, Mario Zolin, Rocco Pellegrini, Maureen Fitzgerald, Lexie Brooks, John Scott, Mary Shearn, Edward Orlowski, Julianna Gulyas, Valda Barry, Dianne Were, Stephen Gallagher, Mary Brennan, Rosamund Orr, Simplicio Capodiferro, Vincenzo Di Lorio, Kevin Parker, Francis Mc Kernan, William Getson, Leonardo Valimberti, Benjamin Wood

LORD THAT I MAY BE WELL AGAIN - PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Joshua Mullins, Ahmed Abdulwahid (11yo), Jerome & Salvina Pace, Milka Mikac, Monsignor Pete Jeffrey, Megan Whittle, Fr Prakash Cutunha, Patrick & Marilyn Kennealy, Marlena Calo, Irene & William Burgess, Audrey Tunks (1yr old), Marie Lloyd, Bishop Terry Curtin, Pippa Vecchio, Joe Basile, Monica Ragheb, Liliana Bariola, Nancy Gheno, Augusto DaSilva, Henry DaSilva, John Capaletti, Lauren, Patricia Valente, Julie & Joe Morris, Stephen Lau, Fr Tony Kerin VG, Charles, Damien, Anna, Susie

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal:

- Using the appeal envelope available in our parish
- Online - www.catholiccarevic.org.au
- Phone - (03) 9967 2515
- Scan the QR Code

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

**St Martin's Choir Practice**

Join us for choir practice on

Monday, 4 May | 7:30 – 8:30pm

In the Church

New members are always very welcome—come along and give it a try!

We rehearse the songs and psalms for the upcoming month's Masses, with the aim of supporting and leading the congregation in singing at either the **5:30pm Saturday** or **10:00am Sunday Mass**.

Guitarists and piano players are especially encouraged to join us—your talents would be a wonderful addition to our music ministry!

We look forward to welcoming you!

**2026 Catechist Program****Sunday 11:00am**

The Catechist Program supports children who live in our parish and are preparing for Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, but do not attend SMOT Primary School.

**Young Adult Holy Hour + Candid Conversations**

Thursday, 14 May 2026

7:30pm – 9:00pm

486 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Stay after Holy Hour for relaxed, meaningful conversation on life and faith.

Food, community, and honest discussion.

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EVENTS****WISER WOMEN'S GROUP****Theme: Mother's Day**

This group aims to support each other, share stories, encourage one another, keep HOPE alive in our hearts, and of course, enjoy some fun and laughter.

For more details, contact **Leonie** via the office or **Sr. Maria** at maria.bui@cam.org.au

The next catch-up will be on:

Thursday, 14 May 2026

10:30am

Community Centre,

with **morning tea included**. All ladies are welcome!

5th Sunday of Easter
2nd & 3rd May (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: C. VALENTE
COMMENTATOR: A. CALDERONE
READERS: A. ROZARIO, YEAR 5 STUDENT
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
R. WEBSTER, F. ESPOSITO, C. ANDERSON,
I. FRIJO, G. LEONE
WELCOMERS: M. ZACCARI, M. CASTILLO
MUSIC: M. PUSPA, M. O'LEARY

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: F. CARNOVALE
COMMENTATOR: T. VITEZ
READERS: M. FERNANDEZ
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
F. CARNOVALE, M. D'SOUZA
WELCOMER: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: M. LOVE
COMMENTATOR: P. FUMEI
READERS: S. REGO, J. LEWIS
COMMUNION MINISTERS: A-M POWER, C.
HARTE, J. HARTE, M. GRASSO
WELCOMERS: G. SCHWABE, P. BASILE, M.
GRASSO, D. GRASSO
MUSIC: JUSTIN
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: J. GROBBELAAR
ALTAR FLOWERS: M. THORN
COUNTING TEAM: 1, 4/5

6th Sunday of Easter
9th & 10th May (Year A)

SATURDAY VIGIL 5.30PM

SACRISTAN: R. DE SOYSA
COMMENTATOR: M. FITZGERALD
READERS: J. O'CONNELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: J. LANE, B.
ANDERSON, C. VALENRE, P. RYAN, J. SCANLON
WELCOMERS: T. MC IVER, R. HARLIM
MUSIC: M. PUSPA, H. TOMBOLATO

SUNDAY 8.00AM

SACRISTAN: S. SAMUEL
COMMENTATOR: T. JACKSON
READERS: M. D'SOUZA
COMMUNION MINISTERS:
F. CARNOVALE, S. SAMUEL, F. ESPOSITO
WELCOMER: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

SUNDAY 10.00AM FAMILY

SACRISTAN: F. GROBBELAAR
COMMENTATOR: SR. A. PRIESTLY
READERS: G. NICHOLLS, J. NEWELL
COMMUNION MINISTERS: M. FLEMING, M.
LOVE, P. BASILE, C. STARMANS, J. STARMANS
WELCOMERS: L. BAKER, P. FUMEI, G. XAVIER
MUSIC: R. DI GIROLAMO
RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP:
C. HARTE, C. STARMANS
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: D. KARTIKAWATY
ALTAR FLOWERS: J. McAliece, C. Harte
COUNTING TEAM: 2, 11/5

DATES THIS WEEK

Friday	1 May	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	2 May	8.30am	Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass
			School Year 5 Mass
Sunday	3 May	8:00 am	Mass for 5th Sunday of Easter
		10:00 am	Mass – CUPPA after Mass
Monday	4 May	9:15am	Mass – 5VS Class Mass
Tuesday	5 May	9:15am	Mass
Wednesday	6 May	9:15am	LOTW – E. Pietryk
Thursday	7 May	9:15am	Mass
Friday	8 May	9:15am	Mass
Saturday	9 May	8.30am	NO Mass
		10:00am	Reconciliation
		11:00am	Anointing Mass
		5:30pm	Vigil Mass for 6th Sunday of Easter
Sunday	10 May	8:00 am	Mass
		10:00 am	Mass – Mother's Day CUPPA after Mass

READINGS

First Reading:

THIS WEEK

Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19:R

Second Reading:

1 Pet 2:4-9

Gospel Reading:

Jn 14:1-12

NEXT WEEK

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Ps 65:1-7, 16,20

1 Pet 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21



Baptism Presentations this weekend

In preparation for their upcoming baptism,
Laurence and Aurelia, and their parents Stefano and Simone,
Audrey and Kit, and their parents Jedda and Ann-Maree,
are being presented to
the community of St Martin's this weekend at
10am Mass. *May God surround them in his love.*

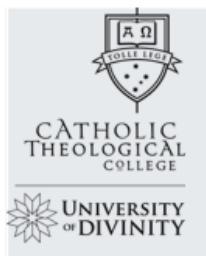
Reflection – Volunteering as Service

Volunteering is an act of service. Whether offered in support of our sisters and brothers in need, or, in caring for the environment, or for the wellbeing of any of the creatures that inhabit Earth, every act of volunteering is a gift of service, freely given.

For those who share faith in Jesus Christ, volunteering becomes an act of **humble and selfless service**. Every act of service takes its lead from Jesus, who, in the Gospel of St John, lovingly and humbly washed the feet of his disciples (13:1–5). Each Holy Thursday, we don't simply recall this moment, we **re-member it**, allowing Christ's way of serving to shape us anew.

In the Gospel of St Matthew, Jesus declares that service offered to others is offered to him: *"Whenever you did this to one of the least of these my sisters and brothers, you did it to me"* (25:40).

Throughout May, a short reflection in the parish newsletter will invite you to reflect on volunteering as a gift of service.



Catholic Theological College

Invites you to our
Engaging Your Faith online
presentations on May
From \$25 per session.
For more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today,
please scan the QR code or visit

www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



✨ St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Heidelberg ✨

Warmly invites you to celebrate a very special milestone 🎉 **175th Anniversary Gala Dinner** 🎉
Join us as we honour **175 years of faith, community, and tradition** in a joyful evening of celebration.

📅 **Friday, 29 May 2026** ⌚ **7:00pm – 10:30pm**

An evening of fellowship, fine dining, and celebration awaits as we give thanks for the past and look forward with hope to the future. All are welcome to be part of this memorable occasion.

🙏 Volunteer Needed 🙏 Altar Server Garment Care

Our parish is seeking a kind volunteer to assist with washing and caring for Altar Server Garments. Your help ensures our young servers are always prepared to serve with dignity. 📧 **Please contact the Parish Office:** macleod@cam.org.au Thank you for your generous support of our parish community! 💛

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 2 May 2026

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome. The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but **if you forget, then just turn up** on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

📅 **Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2025**
10.00am–11.30am 📍 **Venue: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne**

🌿 ✨ MENALIVE PARISH WEEKEND ✨ 🌿

An invitation for the men of our parish

📅 **Saturday 30 – Sunday 31 May 2026**
📍 **Greensborough**

Take some time away from the busyness of life... to reflect, to reconnect, and to renew your faith.

The **menALIVE Weekend** offers a welcoming and supportive space for men to explore their relationship with God, share with others, and be encouraged in their faith journey.

Many who have attended speak of it as a **powerful and uplifting experience**—one that continues to bear fruit long after the weekend ends.

🔗 **Learn more & register:**
<https://greensborough.menalivevic.au/>

📞 **Have questions?**

John O'Connell – 0429 596 948



Parish Synod Corner

Why listening matters in the Church

Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom.



Hairdressing for Women and Men:

Phone: Yuni on 0433 614 399 Pensioner Rates.
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